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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, UN, BE

SUBJECT: BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES

REF: (A) STATE 140912; (B) BRUSSELS 4362

1. EMBASSY'S COMMENT AT END OF REF (B) SUGGESTS THAT FOREIGN OFFICE MAY REGARD AUGUST 1 DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE AS COMPLETION OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. ON BELGIAN INITIATIVE RE TAKING OF HOSTAGES.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO BRING REF (A) TO SCHAUFLE'S ATTENTION FOR HIS REVIEW PRIOR TO HIS MEETING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

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3. WE SUGGEST THAT SCHAUFLE EMPHASIZE IN PARTICULAR OUR

VIEW THAT, BEFORE BELGIANS TAKE INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT, THEY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THEIR IDEAS TO SOME SORT OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH CAN SERVE AS BASIS FOR CONSULTATION AMONG LIKE-MINDED STATES. ENTIRELY APART FROM OUR CONCERNS RE PROBABLE TACTICAL EFFECT OF BELGIAN INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT EARLY IN 28TH UNGA, WE BELIEVE IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT BELGIANS NOT INTRODUCE NEW CONCEPT UNTIL IT IS AT LEAST CLEAR THAT THE BASIC IDEA CAN BE REDUCED TO LEGAL INSTRUMENT WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY OF THOSE STATES WHICH SHARE BASIC U.S./BELGIAN CONCERNS IN TERRORISM AREA.

4. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT SCHAUFELI INDICATE OUR HOPE AND ASSUMPTION THAT GOB WILL RETAIN OPEN MIND ON QUESTION OF TAKING INITIATIVE UNTIL TACTICAL SITUATION IN GA BECOMES CLEARER AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US ON THE QUESTION. ROGERS

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